

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Saturday, August 16, 2008 – 0800 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 4**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (91 new fires)
New large fires:	6 (*)
Large fires contained:	3
Uncontained large fires:	21
Area Command Teams committed:	1
NIMOs committed:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	8
Fire Use Teams committed:	4

\*Uncontained large fires do not include WFU or confine/contain incidents. \*\*

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

NIMO Team (Whitney) is assigned as a planning and operational group in support of the National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group at Boise, ID.

**Northern California Area (PL 4)**

New fires:	15
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	11
Area Command Teams committed:	1
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3
Fire Use Teams committed:	1

Area Command Team (Lohrey) is managing fire complexes on the Shasta-Trinity and Mendocino National Forests. Area Command Team (Zimmerman) was released yesterday. NIMO Team (Custer) is assigned to the Shasta-Trinity National Forest.

**Iron and Alps Complexes** (3 fires), Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT 1 (Molumby). One mile north of Junction City, CA. Heavy timber, brush and grass. Active flanking and backing with uphill runs, torching and short-range spotting. Numerous residences, structures and powerlines threatened.

**Siskiyou/Blue 2 Complex** (2 fires), Klamath NF. IMT 1 (Wilcock). Eighteen miles southwest of Happy Camp, CA. Conifer and hardwood overstory with heavy timber litter. Backing and flanking fire with torching. Cultural sites threatened.

**Yolla Bolly Complex** (3 fires), Mendocino NF. IMT 2 (Blume). Forty-seven miles southwest of Redding, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior with isolated torching and short-range spotting.

**Panther**, Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Harvey). Fourteen miles southwest of Happy Camp, CA. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching. Recreational areas closed.

**Ukonom Complex**, Six Rivers NF. IMT 1 (Wilcock) and IMT 2 (Harvey). Ten miles east of Orleans, CA. Timber. Backing fire with isolated torching, creeping and smoldering. Structures and cultural sites threatened.

**Bear Wallow Complex** (2 fires), Klamath NF. FUMT (Beckman). Confine/contain management strategy. Thirteen miles southeast of Happy Camp, CA. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with backing and smoldering.

**Canyon Complex**, Plumas NF. Transfer of command from Minnesota IMT 2 (Mannelin) back to the local unit will occur on Sunday. Sixteen miles northeast of Paradise, CA. Timber. No new information.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Iron and Alps Complexes	CA	SHF	100,114	2,502	79	9/1	1,391	71	31	67	12	2	61M	FS
Siskiyou / Blue 2 Complex	CA	KNF	74,410	972	72	8/30	1,005	-116	23	23	6	0	54.5M	FS
Yolla Bolly Complex	CA	MNF	87,987	0	90	8/19	353	19	5	10	5	0	14.6M	FS
Panther	CA	KNF	23,214	436	60	8/28	479	-76	11	19	2	0	12.4M	FS
Ukonom Complex	CA	SRF	51,017	296	89	9/15	198	22	4	3	2	0	23.3M	FS
Bear Wallow Complex	CA	KNF	14,591	281	49	9/15	76	-12	0	0	3	0	10.1M	FS
Canyon Complex	CA	PNF	37,831	---	97	UNK	104	---	2	1	1	3	NR	FS

#### **Northwest Area (PL 4)**

New fires: 16  
 New large fires: 5  
 Uncontained large fires: 5  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2  
 Fire Use Teams committed: 1

**Gnarl**, Mt. Hood NF. IMT 2 (West). Twenty-four miles south of Hood River, OR. Timber. Running fire with individual tree torching, creeping and smoldering.

**North Fork**, Umpqua NF. IMT 2 (Batten). Twenty-six miles northeast of Glide, OR. Timber. Moderate fire behavior and single tree torching with mid-range spotting.

**Jack Creek**, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Thirteen miles southwest of Leavenworth, WA. Sub-alpine timber. Moderate fire behavior with spotting. Cultural sites threatened. Area and trail closures in effect.

**Malott Fire**, Northeast Region, Washington DNR. Two miles northwest of Malott, WA. Brush. Torching and creeping.

**North Pole Ridge**, Prineville District, BLM. Ten miles north of Clarno, OR. Grass, sage and juniper. No further information received. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Ochoco Fire Use – WFU**, Ochoco National Forest. FUMT (Reidy). Ten miles southwest of Dayville, OR. Torching. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Gnarl	OR	MHF	299	3	50	UNK	392	-9	10	5	5	0	2M	FS
* North Fork	OR	UPF	200	---	2	8/19	217	---	7	6	1	0	NR	FS
* Jack Creek	WA	OWF	335	---	0	10/1	42	---	1	0	1	0	95K	FS
* Malott Fire	WA	NES	450	---	50	8/17	250	---	12	15	0	0	NR	ST
North Pole Ridge	OR	PRD	6,319	-981	80	UNK	16	-4	0	3	1	0	NR	BLM
* Ochoco Fire Use – WFU	OR	OCF	81	---	N/A	N/A	37	---	1	3	0	0	67K	FS
Columbia River Road	WA	COA	22,155	49	100	---	790	-84	22	37	3	0	6.5M	BIA
* Jump Off Joe WFU	WA	WFS	1,000	---	100	---	50	---	0	19	0	0	18K	ST

COA - Colville Agency, BIA

WFS – Rural Districts, Washington DNR

**Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 13  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 3  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**Deep Draw**, Flathead Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (McNitt). Eight miles west of Elmo, MT. Timber and grass. Moderate fire behavior with downhill backing, torching, short-range spotting, creeping and smoldering. Structures and cultural sites threatened.

**Snow Hole**, Craig Mountain Area Office, Idaho Department of Lands. IMT 2 (Kusicko). Twelve miles southwest of Cottonwood, ID. Grass. Isolated interior torching, creeping and smoldering.

**Lazy Eye**, Charles M. Russell NWR. Thirty-three miles northwest of Sand Springs, MT. Grass and timber. Creeping and smoldering.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Deep Draw	MT	FHA	2,022	259	75	8/21	458	2	11	18	5	0	2.7M	BIA
Snow Hole	ID	CMS	2,900	0	75	8/17	516	12	16	14	5	0	2.3M	ST
Lazy Eye	MT	CMR	570	---	70	8/16	23	---	0	4	1	0	25K	FWS

**Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 7  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 0  
 Fire Use Teams committed: 1

**South Barker - WFU**, Sawtooth NF. FUMT (Ourada/Soper). Five miles northwest of Rocky Bar, ID. Mixed conifer brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior with backing and torching. Cultural sites threatened.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
South Barker – WFU	ID	STF	2,391	736	N/A	N/A	167	7	5	6	1	0	NR	FS

**Southern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 5  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 2

**Pine Stand Ridge**, National Forests in North Carolina. Fifteen miles northwest of Murphy, NC. Timber and hardwood litter. Moderate backing fire. Structures threatened.

**Everett**, Texas Forest Service. Eleven miles southwest of Throckmorton, TX. Brush with oak and grass. Creeping and smoldering.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Pine Stand Ridge	NC	NCF	225	9	95	UNK	56	-17	2	3	1	0	278K	FS
Everett	TX	TXS	500	200	25	UNK	2	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Johnson Bottom	KY	KYS	180	---	100	---	6	---	1	1	0	0	NR	ST

KYS - Kentucky Division of Forestry

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 6  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 0  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1  
 Fire Use Teams committed: 1

**Gunbarrel - WFU**, Shoshone NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Angell) to FUMT (Hahnenberg) today. Forty miles west of Cody, WY. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with occasional torching. Structures and campgrounds threatened.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Gunbarrel – WFU	WY	SHF	41,328	0	N/A	N/A	145	-2	2	6	2	8	4.7M	FS

**Southwest Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 7  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Marteen - WFU	AZ	KNF	310	73	N/A	N/A	13	-10	0	1	0	0	NR	FS
Alta - WFU	NM	SNF	350	50	N/A	N/A	5	-4	0	1	0	0	10K	FS

KNF - Kaibab NF

SNF – Santa Fe NF

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Continued hot and dry weather today over California, Northwest, Idaho and western Montana areas. Mostly dry thunderstorms are expected over the Sierras, northern California and portions of the Northwest.

[Link](#) to Predictive Services Outlook product.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### Proper Use of Trigger Points

Accurate situational awareness (SA) requires constant reassessment of conditions (existing or potential) that may impact the safety and effectiveness of firefighters. Keeping an eye out for the 18-Watchout Situations and establishing operational / environmental limits (“trigger points”) ahead of time can help to focus SA, prompt reassessment, and help you re-evaluate the risk of current actions.

The following items are things to consider in your planning and discussions. Remember, trigger points are NOT decision-makers, but serve as predetermined cues to prompt you to re-evaluate the situation and associated risks, and to help you to determine and implement the proper course of action.

- Preplan! Don't wait until you're in the wrong place at the wrong time---with no time.
- Trigger points should be based on measurable factors such as:
  - RH
  - Winds
  - Fire Behavior
  - Topographical boundaries
  - Time constraints/time of day
  - Time/distance to safety zones
  - Loss of support resources (airtankers, helicopters, etc.)
  - Other operational considerations (e.g., firefighter fatigue, loss of lookouts or communication, etc.)
- As you approach predetermined trigger points, go through the Risk Management Process to help you decide if a change in tactics is appropriate. (See the Incident Response Pocket Guide)
  - Gather information to assure good Situational Awareness
  - Assess hazards to anticipate serious risks
  - Establish hazard controls to mitigate serious risks
  - Make decisions based on your ability to mitigate those serious risks
  - Evaluate effectiveness of current actions
- Command/Leadership responsibilities when changing tactics
  - Communicate the changes to your subordinates, as well as to adjacent forces and up the chain of command
  - Account for all your people
  - Make sure everyone knows and follows the new plan

### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1			1	3	11	16
	ACRES	1			1	3	79	84
Northern California	FIRES		1			12	2	15
	ACRES		9			80	2,424	2,513
Southern California	FIRES	1				16	4	21
	ACRES	3				1,000	195	1,198
Northern Rockies	FIRES					6	7	13
	ACRES					5	0	5
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		4		1	1	1	7
	ACRES		233		0	0	20	253
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	3				1	3	7
	ACRES	0				0	2	2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			2	3	6
	ACRES		0			2	0	2
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES	1				4		5
	ACRES	0				1		1
TOTAL	FIRES	6	6	0	2	46	31	91
	ACRES	4	242	0	1	1,091	2,720	4,058

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		14	17	1	282	4	318
	ACRES		715	1,243	0	54,489	0	56,447
Northwest	FIRES	228	195	16	29	589	825	1,882
	ACRES	16,685	69,270	8,149	424	8,154	6,875	109,557
Northern California	FIRES	158	25	5	23	2,490	785	3,486
	ACRES	311	59	161	6,426	281,583	580,095	868,635
Southern California	FIRES	61	81	11	20	2,894	372	3,439
	ACRES	327	23,818	863	19	50,748	284,629	360,404
Northern Rockies	FIRES	942	71	16	10	662	484	2,185
	ACRES	17,779	6,877	7,102	9,331	48,634	16,202	105,925
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	35	343	5	14	362	317	1,076
	ACRES	9,248	13,934	513	135	10,317	24,222	58,369
Western Great Basin	FIRES	8	225	6	14	57	50	360
	ACRES	10	17,886	51	6	3,169	52	21,174
Southwest	FIRES	628	220	6	48	683	797	2,382
	ACRES	19,394	81,201	347	976	263,260	95,553	460,731
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	453	259	25	23	464	289	1,513
	ACRES	2,038	3,057	2,014	312	162,037	1,829	171,287
Eastern Area	FIRES	317		13	14	7,754	266	8,364
	ACRES	1,934		247	63	44,455	700	47,399
Southern Area	FIRES	922		14	56	31,538	532	33,062
	ACRES	59,025		29,559	54,146	1,635,569	36,834	1,815,133
TOTAL	FIRES	3,752	1,433	134	252	47,775	4,721	58,067
	ACRES	126,751	216,817	50,249	71,838	2,562,415	1,046,991	4,075,061

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>57,964</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>4,737,446</b>

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### Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					65	300	365
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	65	300	365

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					10		10
	ACRES					3,990		3,990
Northwest	FIRES	10	35	13	3		99	160
	ACRES	2,435	3,355	2,359	6		19,377	27,532
Northern California	FIRES	25	14	11	9	7	98	164
	ACRES	415	617	22,765	14	1,160	2,648	27,619
Southern California	FIRES		4	4	8	5	129	150
	ACRES		118	822	1,335	51	13,114	15,440
Northern Rockies	FIRES	16	16	50	5	27	147	261
	ACRES	773	2,161	15,787	309	1,599	17,311	37,940
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	19	5	7	14	48	96
	ACRES	200	2,197	346	1,125	2,289	11,303	17,460
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2	2	2		4	10
	ACRES		2,030	12	27		2,437	4,506
Southwest	FIRES	28	61	9	12		134	244
	ACRES	3,203	39,095	12,031	1,462		53,542	109,333
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	27	19	105	18	44	111	324
	ACRES	2,715	2,021	18,415	4,445	5,330	33,263	66,189
Eastern Area	FIRES	46		317	17	1,555	99	2,034
	ACRES	30,375		50,159	860	106,178	14,038	201,610
Southern Area	FIRES	20		100	82	417	689	1,308
	ACRES	13,894		41,983	60,846	237,705	654,864	1,009,292
TOTAL	FIRES	175	170	616	163	2,079	1,558	4,761
	ACRES	54,010	51,594	164,679	70,429	358,302	821,897	1,520,911

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### WFU Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		6	15	5	1		27
	ACRES		7,397	27,621	1,420	3		36,441
Northwest	FIRES				1		7	8
	ACRES				0		107	107
Northern California	FIRES						8	8
	ACRES						9,330	9,330
Southern California	FIRES				9		6	15
	ACRES				481		14,933	15,414
Northern Rockies	FIRES				2		40	42
	ACRES				0		3,037	3,037
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		8	9
	ACRES				0		3,970	3,970
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2		1		7	10
	ACRES		81		0		437	518
Southwest	FIRES				2		140	142
	ACRES				112		14,667	14,779
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		3		2		4	9
	ACRES		0		0		43,156	43,156
Eastern Area	FIRES			2				2
	ACRES			1				1
Southern Area	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						1,596	1,596
TOTAL	FIRES	0	11	17	23	1	225	277
	ACRES	0	7,478	27,622	2,013	3	91,233	128,349

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### Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	16	5	1,422	10,949
Yukon Territory	0	0	64	18,742
Alberta	10	444	1,426	17,845
Northwest Territory	1	4,461	218	274,622
Saskatchewan	1	10	564	1,053,576
Manitoba	7	5,054	359	120,391
Ontario	4	2	202	415
Quebec	1	22	168	1,439
Newfoundland	0	0	113	3,754
New Brunswick	0	0	143	129
Nova Scotia	0	0	235	2,597
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	78	83	4,080
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>10,076</b>	<b>4,997</b>	<b>1,508,538</b>

**\*\*National Interagency Coordination Center \*\***